

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to provide a service for a user device with a service provider, comprising:

establishing a service provisioning relationship between the user device and a bridging user device ~~through a first wireless network;~~

providing a desired service for the user device with the service provider via the bridging user device ~~and the first wireless network, and through a second wireless network that couples the bridging user device to the service provider;~~

while providing the service, recording charging data for the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device; and

reporting the charging data from the bridging user device to the service provider,

where at least establishing and recording use trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on the user device and on the bridging user device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, where the trusted software is obtained from a the service provider.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, where the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device is established through a first wireless network comprising the first wireless network comprises a local, short range wireless

network, and where the service for the user device is provided via the bridging user device and the first wireless network, and through a second wireless network comprises comprising a longer range wireless network that couples the bridging user device to the service provider.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4, where the first wireless network comprises a wireless local area network (WLAN), and where the second wireless network comprises a cellular wireless network.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4, where the first wireless network comprises a Bluetooth network, and where the second wireless network comprises a cellular wireless network.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, where establishing includes negotiating the specifics of charging for the service provisioning relationship between the user device and the bridging user device using an offer-counteroffer technique.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, where recording charging data uses at least one charging metric that is negotiated between the user device and the bridging user device when establishing the service provisioning relationship.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4, where recording charging data accounts at least for the use of the second wireless network by the bridging user device.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where recording charging data accounts at least for the consumption of at least one resource of the bridging user device.

10. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where reporting occurs periodically while the service is being provided.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where reporting occurs at a termination of the service

being provided.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where the desired service is provided during a session, and where providing the service initially establishes a charging record for the session at the service provider based at least in part on credential information obtained from the user, via the bridging user.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 12, where the credential information comprises an identification of the user device, and information that identifies the user to the service provider as being a client of the service provider.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 13, where at least the information that identifies the user to the service provider is encrypted.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 12, where the charging record for the session is uniquely identified based on a session identifier.

16. (Currently Amended) A system that provides a service for a user device with a service provider, comprising:

at least one user device comprising an interface to a first ~~wireless~~ network;

at least one bridging user device comprising an interface to said first ~~wireless~~ network and an interface to a second ~~wireless~~ network; and

at least one service provider reachable through said second ~~wireless~~ network;

where said user device, said bridging user device and said service provider execute computer code to establish a service provisioning relationship between said user device and said bridging user device through said first ~~wireless~~ network; to provide a desired service for said user device

with said service provider via said bridging user device and said first ~~wireless~~ network, and through said second ~~wireless~~ network that couples said bridging user device to said service provider; to record charging data for the service provisioning relationship between said user device and said bridging user device; and to report the charging data from said bridging user device to said service provider, where said computer code comprises trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on said user device and on said bridging user device.

17. Cancelled

18. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, where said first ~~wireless~~ network comprises a local, short range wireless network, and where said second ~~wireless~~ network comprises a longer range wireless network.

19. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, where said first ~~wireless~~ network comprises a wireless local area network (WLAN), and where said second ~~wireless~~ network comprises a cellular wireless network.

20. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 16, where said first ~~wireless~~ network comprises a Bluetooth network, and where said second ~~wireless~~ network comprises a cellular wireless network.

21. - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A mobile device, comprising:

a data processor coupled to a memory; and

an interface to a ~~short-range-wireless~~ first network;

said memory storing computer code executable by said data processor to request a service to be

provided by a service provider and to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and another device through said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, where said another device is bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through a second ~~wireless~~ network, and where said service is provided for said mobile device by the service provider via said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said another device, and said second ~~wireless~~ network, where said computer code comprises trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on said mobile device and on said another device, and where said another device is operable to record charging data related to the service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device, and to report the charging data to said service provider.

32. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 31, where said computer code that establishes said service provisioning relationship includes computer code for negotiating specifics of charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device.

33. (Currently Amended) A mobile device as in claim 32, where said specifics of charging comprise use of said second ~~wireless~~ network by said another device.

34. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 32, where said specifics of charging comprise use of at least one resource of said another device.

35. (Currently Amended) A mobile device, comprising:

a data processor coupled to a memory;

an interface to a ~~short range wireless~~ first network; and

an interface to a ~~cellular wireless~~ second network;

said memory storing computer code executable by said data processor to establish a service

provisioning relationship between said mobile device and another device through said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said computer code comprising trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on said mobile device and on said another device, where said mobile device can be bidirectionally coupled to a service provider through said ~~cellular-wireless~~ second network, and where said service is provided for said another device by the service provider via said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said mobile device and said ~~cellular-wireless~~ second network, and where said computer code executable by said data processor further is operable to record charging data for the service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device, and to report the charging data to said service provider via said ~~cellular-wireless~~ second network.

36. (Previously Presented) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said computer code that establishes said service provisioning relationship includes computer code for negotiating specifics of charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile device and said another device.

37. (Currently Amended) A mobile device as in claim 36, where said specifics of charging comprise use of said second ~~wireless~~ network by said mobile device.

38. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 36, where said specifics of charging comprise use of at least one resource of said mobile device.

39. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said mobile device reports the charging data periodically while the service is being provided.

40. (Original) A mobile device as in claim 35, where said mobile device reports the charging data at a termination of said service being provided.

41. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal comprising a data processor coupled to an interface to a ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said data processor operating to request a service to be

provided by a service provider and to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and a device through said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, where said device is bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through another ~~wireless~~ network, and where said service is provided for said mobile terminal by the service provider via said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said device and said another ~~wireless~~ network, where said data processor operates under control of trusted software comprising a certified unit of code stored in said mobile terminal and in said device, and where said device is operable to record charging data related to the service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device, and to report the charging data to said service provider.

42. (Previously Presented) A mobile terminal as in claim 41, where said data processor is further operable to negotiate charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device.

43. (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal comprising a data processor coupled to an interface to a ~~short range wireless~~ first network and to an interface to a ~~cellular wireless~~ second network, said data processor operable to establish a service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and a device through said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, where said mobile terminal can be bidirectionally coupled to said service provider through said ~~cellular wireless~~ second network, and where said service is provided for said device by a service provider via said ~~short range wireless~~ first network, said mobile terminal and said ~~cellular wireless~~ second network, and where said data processor is further operable to record charging data for the service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device, and to report the charging data to said service provider over said ~~cellular wireless~~ second network, where said data processor operates under control of trusted software comprising a certified unit of code stored in said mobile terminal and in said device.

44. (Previously Presented) A mobile terminal as in claim 43, where said data processor is further operable to negotiate charging for said service provisioning relationship between said mobile terminal and said device.

45. (New) A computer program product embodied on a memory and executable by a processor to perform operations on a bridging user device comprising:

establishing a service provisioning relationship with a user device;

providing a desired service for the user device with a service provider;

while providing the service, recording charging data for the service provisioning relationship; and

reporting the charging data to the service provider,

where at least establishing and recording use trusted software comprising a certified unit of code running on the user device and on the bridging user device.

46. (New) The computer program of claim 45, where establishing includes negotiating the specifics of charging for the service provisioning relationship with the user device using an offer-counteroffer technique.

47. (New) The computer program of claim 45, where recording charging data uses at least one charging metric that is negotiated with the user device when establishing the service provisioning relationship.